

Appl. No. 10/008,342  
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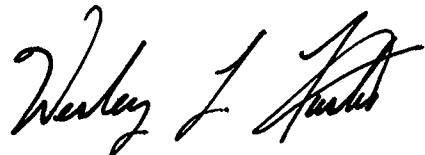
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Before entry of this paper, claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed May 3, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-30. The Examiner rejected claim 31.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-30. Claim 31 has been cancelled. After cancellation of claim 31, claims 1-30 are pending.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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